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C O N F I D E N T I A L STOCKHOLM 4697

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TAGS: AORG, UNESCO, SW

SUBJECT: DRAFT DECLARATION ON FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES GOVERNING THE
USE OF THE MASS MEDIA IN STRENGTHENING PEACE AND
INTERNATIONAL UNDERSTANDING AND IN COMBATING WAR
PROPAGANDA, RACISM AND APARTHEID

REF: (A) STATE 188615, (B) PARIS 24079

1. IN RESPONSE TO APPROACH MADE BY EMBASSY OFFICER
AUGUST 10 ALONG LINES REFTTEL (A), MFA OFFICIAL
RESPONSIBLE FOR UNESCO AFFAIRS (CLAES SWEGER) INFORMED
US TODAY THAT SWEDISH GOVERNMENT HAD REACHED A
DECISION AFTER SEVERAL WEEKS OF DISCUSSION.

2. THE GOS, WHICH HAS ALWAYS BEEN OPPOSED TO THE DRAFT,
WILL SUPPORT MOVES TO POSTPONE CONSIDERATION IN
THE GENERAL CONFERENCE. SWEGER ADDED THAT NEW SWEDISH
REPRESENTATIVE TO UNESCO, AMBASSADOR COLLIANDER, WILL
BE INSTRUCTED TO INFORM DIRECTOR GENERAL M'BOW OF
SWEDISH OBJECTIONS TO THE DRAFT AND OF GOS DESIRE
THAT DISCUSSION OF IT BE POSTPONED WHEN HE MAKES HIS
COURTESY CALL ON M'BOW IN THE BEGINNING OF SEPTEMBER.

3. SWEDES SAID FROM THE BEGINNING THAT THEY WOULD
SUPPORT POSTPONEMENT AND ARE FIRMLY OPPOSED TO THE
DRAFT. HOWEVER, THE QUESTION OF TACTICS HAD TO BE AGREED
ON BY THE MFA AND THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, WHICH HAS
SUBSTANTIVE RESPONSIBILITY FOR UNESCO AFFAIRS.

4. DURING COURSE OF CONVERSATION WITH EMBASSY OFFICER,
SWEGER ASKED IF WE COULD PROVIDE SWEDES WITH
INFORMATION ON USG VIEWS OF EFFORTS TO RE-ADMIT ISRAEL
TO THE EUROPEAN GROUP AT UNESCO. SWEDES WOULD LIKE TO
SEE ISRAEL BROUGHT BACK IN, SWEGER SAID, BUT ARE
CONCERNED ABOUT MAKING AN EFFORT WHICH WILL ALMOST
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CERTAINLY BE REJECTED BY THE MAJORITY, AND ABOUT THE
UNFAVORABLE PUBLICITY WHICH WOULD FOLLOW.

5. REQUEST DEPARTMENTAL GUIDANCE ON THE HANDLING
OF SWEGER'S REQUEST.
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